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Transmitted herewith is a response to a notice of non-compliant amendment.

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

**Listing of the Claims** – not present,**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this response.